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LEGALISATION OF REMBRANDT, OLIVER, PATRIOT: MOSCOW'S OBSERVATIONS (1944)

From: MOSCOW

To: MEXICO CITY

No.: 536

10 September 1944

Reference No. 290[1].

Your attempt to explain that insurmountable difficulties make it impossible to legalise REMBRANDT[ii] and OLIVER[iii] is considered by us to be without foundation: the more so because you have put forward a number of different suggestions with the assurance that it would be possible to legalise them in accordance with your plan. With regard to OLIVER you refer to a mistake allegedly committed by us in making up his cover story when he was sent to the COUNTRYSIDE [DEREVNYA][iv]. In the first place we sent OLIVER to the COUNTRYSIDE with Spanish papers deliberately, as a consequence of the conditions prevailing at the time: there was no mistake about this. In the second place we thought then and still think that the COUNTRYSIDE is an intermediate point where REMBRANDT and OLIVER can be legalised with COUNTRY [STRANA][v] or ISLAND [OSTROV][vi] papers and subsequently sent to their destinations. In view of this we have come to the following decision on this matter:

1. You are to make use of every opportunity available to you and in the near future you are to send REMBRANDT to FRANCE. At the moment we are getting REMBRANDT's wife ready so that she can be sent to BULGARIA: from there we shall transfer her also to FRANCE.

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2. You must take all possible measures to legalise OLIVER with VILLAGE [SELO][vii] or Canadian papers, preferably the former. As soon as REMBRANDT leaves the COUNTRYSIDE, we shall, of course, send OLIVER's wife over to you. [4 groups unrecovered] REMBRANDT and OLIVER.

How does the matter of PATRIOT's[viii] legalisation stand?

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Footnotes: [i] No. 290: Not available.

[ii] REMBRANDT: José SANCHÁ Padros.

[iii] OLIVER: Legalised with papers in the name of Antonio GOMEZ Deane (MEXICO CITY's No. 536 of 26 June 1944 - 3/NBF/T374).

[iv] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO.

[v] COUNTRY: USA.

[vi] ISLAND: GREAT BRITAIN/British.

[vii] VILLAGE: Possibly a country bordering on MEXICO (see NEW YORK's No. 973 of 22 June 1943 - 3/NBF/T1383); possibly GUATEMALA.

[viii] PATRIOT: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY's Nos. 220, 232, 256 of 16, 22, 29 April 1944 (3/NBF/T870, 574, 576), 283, 330 of 10, 27 May 1944 (T996, 941), 341, 375 of 3, 18 June 1944 (T681, 958), 529 of 6 September 1944 (unpublished), 622 of 28 October 1944 (T677), 653 of 15 November 1944 (T539), 472 of 4 August 1945 (T948), 280 of 27 May 1946 (T711); and in MEXICO CITY's Nos. 327 of 3 May 1944 (T886), 893 of 28 November 1944 (unpublished), 932 of 6 December 1944 (T993). Presumably identical with unidentified covername "PAT", which occurs in MEXICO CITY's Nos. 225, 266 of 1, 18 April 1944 (unpublished, T934) and in NEW YORK's Nos. 1206 of 22 July 1943 (T1101), 1623 of 5 October 1943 (T2189).

[ix] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhaïlovich FITIN.

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